



# COMPETITIVE PISTOL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

## FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOLASTIC ACTION SHOOTING PROGRAM (SASP)



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# INTRODUCTION

The BSA is proud to partner with the Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) to provide competitive pistol shooting experiences for Venturing-age youth. This program uses the standard SASP competition procedures for the senior and collegiate rimfire and centerfire divisions.

This guide is intended to provide a starting point to help councils and crews develop competitive shooting sports teams. The information contained within this document must be adhered to and cannot be modified. Because this is a Level 4 Pistol Competitive Shooting Sports Program as outlined in the *Boy Scouts of America National Shooting Sports Manual*, all requirements for Level 4 Pistol Competitive Shooting Sports Program should be followed.



# YOUTH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Youth members shall have completed either the NRA FIRST Steps (three hours) or NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course (eight hours) before or upon becoming a member of the crew. Youth may not practice with the crew nor enter any competitive matches with their unit until this training is complete. This course must be taught by an NRA certified pistol instructor.

## ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

BSA Youth Protection policies for two-deep leadership must be maintained at all times.

The BSA registered adult serving as the SASP head coach must:

- Follow all rules related to age and training required to be a Venturing Advisor.
- Register as the head coach with SASP.
- Hold a current certification as an NRA pistol instructor.
- Be an NRA/USA Shooting/Civilian Marksmanship Program pistol coach.

The BSA registered adult serving as the SASP assistant coach must:

- Follow all rules related to age and training required to be a Venturing associate Advisor.
- Register as the assistant coach/adult volunteer with SASP.
- Hold a current certification as an NRA pistol instructor.

An NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) must also be present during all team practices and competitions. Any adult with a current BSA registration and current NRA Range Safety Officer credentials can act as the RSO.



# BUILDING A COMPETITIVE SHOOTING TEAM WITHIN A CREW STRUCTURE

Venturing crews should be youth led and adult mentored. The SASP competitive team should be no different. By taking into consideration the ALPS model, found in the *Handbook for Venturers*, the team allows for programming that includes adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service.

SASP activities can also lead to earning Venturing awards, such as the Ranger Award or the Shooting Sports Outstanding Achievement Award. To learn more about these awards, go to [www.scouting.org/Venturing](http://www.scouting.org/Venturing).

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Youth leadership roles are also important for a properly functioning team.

The crew should have a:

- Crew president who may act as team captain.
- Vice president of administration who may be the team recruiter.
- Vice president of program who can help coordinate service and competition opportunities for the team.
- Vice president of communications who may be the team communication coordinator.
- Treasurer who will maintain financial records and coordinate fundraising efforts for the team.

## UNIFORM

Each team should have a uniform to wear at competitive meets and while doing service projects to form a group identity and help others easily identify them as a team. The uniform is the choice of the team members. Teams can adopt the forest green Venturing shirt and gray shorts or pants available through [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org) and local Scout shops. This uniform is recommended at competitions to provide program identity. However, crews can also design their own uniform. The only requirements are that it include the Venturing logo and crew number on the shirt, and that the style and images on the uniform be consistent with the values of the Boy Scouts of America.

# SAMPLE TEAM BUDGET

The following tables provide sample startup costs and a yearly budget for a SASP-based Venturing crew of 10 youth and five registered adults. Costs may vary by council.

ONE-TIME STARTUP COSTS			
Description	Price	Qty	Total Cost
<b>GUNS</b>			
Rimfire	\$350	2	\$700
Centerfire	\$400	2	\$800
<b>EXTRA MAGAZINES</b>			
Rimfire	\$25	3	\$75
Centerfire	\$25	3	\$75
<b>TIMERS</b>	\$100	3	\$300
<b>EYE PROTECTION</b>	\$6	12	\$72
<b>EAR PROTECTION (BASIC EARMUFFS)</b>	\$15	12	\$180
<b>REQUIRED TRAINING FOR COACHES/VENTURING ADVISORS (PISTOL)</b>			
NRA Pistol Instructor	\$100	2	\$200
NRA Safety Officer Training	\$40	2	\$80
<b>TOTAL ONE-TIME COSTS</b>			<b>\$2,482</b>

YEARLY ESTIMATED COSTS			
Description	Price	Qty	Total Cost
<b>BSA REGISTRATION FEES</b>	\$24	15	\$360
<b>INSURANCE FEES (VARIES)</b>	\$1	15	\$15
<b>CHARTER FEE</b>	\$40	1	\$40
<b>SASP MEMBERSHIP FEES</b>			
Youth	\$20	10	\$200
Adult	\$30	2	\$60
<b>SASP BACKGROUND CHECK FEES</b>	\$30	2	\$60
<b>OFFICIAL MATCHES (STATE LEVEL) —4 PER YEAR</b>	\$20	10	\$800
<b>REGIONAL MATCHES—2 PER YEAR</b>	\$30	10	\$600
<b>AMMO FOR MATCHES</b>			
5 rimfire athletes; 200 rounds per match for 6 matches; \$6 per 200 rounds of .22lr			\$180
5 centerfire athletes; 200 rounds per match for 6 matches; \$44 per 200 rounds of 9mm			\$1,320
<b>AMMO FOR PRACTICES</b>			
6 practices required, 12 (minimum) recommended; 150 rounds per athlete			
5 rimfire x 12 practices x 150 rounds			\$270
5 centerfire x 12 practices x 150 rounds			\$1,980
<b>REQUIRED TRAINING FOR VENTURING YOUTH TO COMPETE*</b>			
NRA FIRST Steps (assumes BSA discount)	\$15	10	\$150
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED YEARLY COSTS</b>			<b>\$6,035</b>

\* Assumes additional new youth will join team each year and will need required training.

# SCHOLASTIC ACTION SHOOTING PROGRAM (SASP) STANDARD PROCEDURES

## RUNNING A SASP TEAM

A SASP team should be run using the rules and regulations found in the *SASP Official Handbook* for the season. The handbook can be downloaded from <http://sssfonline.org/scholastic-pistol-program-spp/spp-downloads/>.

However, note the following differences that BSA teams must follow:

*All youth members taking part in a competitive team must meet the same age requirements as those of the Venturing program:*

- Senior Division — (grades 9–12)
- Collegiate Division — open to all students enrolled in a post-secondary school as a full-time student

## FUNDING A UNIT

Ammunition, range time, and competition fees are some of the expenses that each team will need to plan to cover. How the team covers these expenses is up to the team. Teams should consider participating in council product sales as this will both raise money for the unit and give back to the council for its continued support of the program.

Several organizations that are interested in increasing youth participation in shooting sports provide grants to groups that apply. Some of these organizations are listed below:

**Friends of NRA:** [www.friendsofnra.org/National.aspx?cid=9](http://www.friendsofnra.org/National.aspx?cid=9)

**MidwayUSA Foundation:** [www.midwayusafoundation.org/](http://www.midwayusafoundation.org/)

**Youth Shooting Sports Alliance:** [www.youthshootingsa.com/](http://www.youthshootingsa.com/)

Additionally, the Scholastic Action Shooting Program has negotiated substantial discounts for SASP teams through many major vendors, including firearms manufacturers. For a complete list of discounts and how to receive them, please contact Tammy Mowry, SASP national director, at [tmowry@sssfonline.com](mailto:tmowry@sssfonline.com), or Rick Leach, SASP director of development, at [rleach@sssfonline.com](mailto:rleach@sssfonline.com).

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